REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes this application to be ready for allowance and earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted, WELSH & KATZ, LTD.

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